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Director
Office of Child Care
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Tohono O'odham Nation plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies
 - Provide direct child care subsidy assistance to the health care sector, essential and frontline workers.
 - Eliminate co-payments for families with lowest incomes and with infants and toddlers.
 - Provide direct child care subsidy assistance to families for children birth through 12 years of age.
 - Collaborate with part-day programs to provide full-day and year services.
2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices
 - Expand policies and procedures to mitigating the Coronavirus
 - Provide assistance to child care providers to implement prevention practices
 - Support child care providers with health and safety guidelines in line with CDC guidance
 - Provide resources, supplies and assistance related to the mitigation of the Coronavirus
3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers
 - Provide payments and assistance to child care providers due to decreased enrollment or closures related to coronavirus, to be able to remain open or reopen.
 - Assistance to providers for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 emergency.
 - Provide payments to child care providers based on enrollment rather than attendance even when providers are closed due to the COVID-19 emergency.
 - Make available payment obligations incurred to eligible child care providers prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

- Provide assistance to eligible child care providers to cover the cost of PPE, cleaning and sanitation, and other activities and operating expenses necessary to maintain safe operations.
 - Explore/establish a grant program available to providers eligible to support families receiving child care assistance to cover operating costs related to the COVID-19 emergency.
4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic
- To cover the cost/reimbursement of PPE, cleaning and sanitization materials.
 - Make available payment reimbursements incurred to eligible child care providers not participating prior to the pandemic.
 - Provide funds and technical assistance to child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to pandemic to implement health and safety requirements in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the CDC.
5. Other
- Child Find collaboration to identify and refer children who need early intervention services, including direct service and specialized equipment and services.
 - Provide resources to support virtual learning and social interactions for children, families, and providers.
 - Establish a family support system
 - Construction/Major renovation to meet the need for modified spaces related to COVID-19.

The Tohono O'odham Nation will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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